

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 9, 2018 through October 14, 2018.

**Tuesday**

10/09/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward James Dreyer will be in the office for morning business and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$10,000 claim, was off with one, Cal-Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

After another grinder, 3:00 pm, eight races were finally drawn using a total of fifty one horses.

**Wednesday**

10/10/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was complete at 9:00 am with no changes on Friday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for \$8,000, was called off with two, both were Cal-Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty-six entries will comprise Saturday's three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

**Thursday**

10/11/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$5,000 tag, was used open. 3 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

The highlight of Sunday's nine race program will be the Grade 1, \$125,000 Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos Invitational Championship.

**Friday**

10/12/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in no changes on Sunday's program.

(2) RULING #251

**RULING # 251**

OWNER MARCIAL GARCIA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2018 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 18LA0212, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 15, 2018.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCIAL GARCIA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing ruling was issued after owner Garcia failed to appear to discuss complaint #18LA0212

(3) RULING #252

**RULING # 252**

PONY RIDER JOSE GUERRERO, HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #246, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2018, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after pony rider Jose Guerrero appeared to address complaint #18LA0215

(4) RULING #253

**RULING # 253**

PONY RIDER JOSE GUERRERO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – TESTED POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA).

Paul Atkinson replaced Ron Church in today's hearing due to the fact that Steward Church was working as the Safety Steward the day that Mr. Guerrero's tack room was searched and the marijuana was discovered. Mr. Guerrero admitted that he uses marijuana in the evening to help him rest. He also produced a marijuana card he had been issued due to some old injuries.

(5) RULINGS #254

**RULING #254**

GROOM CESAR HURTADO IS SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (OCTOBER 15, 2018 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOS ALAMITOS RULING #215 DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CESAR HURTADO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Hurtado again tested positive for Methamphetamine and Amphetamine in addition to failing to comply with other provisions of Los Alamitos Ruling #215 dated September 16, 2018.

(6) SAFETY ISSUE

The fourth race was delayed by nine minutes due to heavy lightning strikes in the area.

(7) INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

Following the seventh race, the Stewards posted the inquiry to review an incident nearing the finish. #4 "Boxcar Willi" (7<sup>th</sup>-J. Ayala) and #5 "Higher Icon" (6<sup>th</sup>-R. Sanchez) both had to steady slightly when #2 "Power Thinker" (3<sup>rd</sup>-S. Ramirez Jr.) drifted in and #6 "Dash Michael Dash" (5<sup>th</sup>-R. Aceves) shifted out. The Stewards felt that both horses were being outrun at the time and that the outcome of the race was not affected.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Bellatrix (Tr. C. Treece) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$657.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Bright Light (Tr. J. Enriquez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$416.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Valley Boy (Tr. A. Sherman) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$218.00  
#5 Canadian Warrior (Tr. J. Mendoza) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$272.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Freaky Business (Tr. Y. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$339.50

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	692	On Track Handle:	\$76,706.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,719</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$363,101.60
Total:	2,411	Out of State:	<u>\$671,657.11</u>
			\$1,111,464.91

Saturday

10/13/2018

(1) RULING #255

**RULING # 255**

TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO WHO STARTED THE HORSE “PROPHETINPARADISE”, THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT SONOMA COUNTY FAIR ON AUGUST 10, 2018, IS FINED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & B)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-FLUMETHASONE(16.4 PG/ML)).

An informal hearing was conducted this afternoon resulting in the foregoing ruling. Ms. Aquino testified she had sent “ProphetinParadise” to Santa Rosa under the temporary care of trainer Marsha Stortz while she was running horses at the Humboldt County Fair. The bulk of her horses remained at Los Alamitos. The error appears to have occurred when groom Osori mistakenly presented “ProphetinParadise” for treatment thinking it was “Sure Proof”. This appears to be accurate as Dr. Boyer’s confidential reflects “Sure Proof” as the horse that he treated. As the trainer of record, however, Angela Aquino must be held responsible.

(2) GOOD EVENING

Other than a track that was minutely off, it was a flawless night of racing at Los Alamitos.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Peaked (Tr. R. DeLeon) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$233.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Gerbera Glass (Tr. J. Nunez) - Sick - Dr. Beck. Refund \$583.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	714	On Track Handle:	\$ 98,807.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,836</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$400,772.50
Total:	2,550	Out of State:	<u>\$714,163.15</u>
			\$1,213,743.15

Sunday

10/14/2018

(1) RULING #256

**RULING # 256**

PONY RIDER JENNA KATZBERG, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2018 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #18LA0226, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1877 (CHECKS) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 15, 2018.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JENNA KATZBERG ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing ruling was issued after pony rider Jenna Katzberg failed to show up concerning a bad check at Los Alamitos.

(2) FILMS

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in to review last evening's sixth race. His mount broke in and made minimal contact with the horse to his inside. We all felt that he could have reacted a bit quicker, but were comfortable that a warning would suffice in this matter.

(3) GOOD RACING

It was another fine evening of racing at Los Alamitos. The Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos Invitational Championship was contested without a flaw.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Proudtohesilian (Tr. R. Bean) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$147.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Masters Circle (Tr. K. Castaneda) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$64.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 That's A Good Reason (Tr. P. Jones) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$470.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	556	On Track Handle:	\$95,551.60
Off Track Attendance:	1,653	Off Track Handle:	\$348,701.40
Total:	2,209	Out of State:	\$901,984.67
			\$1,346,237.67

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 14, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for sickness and 1 for bleeding. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY 2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/12	SAT 10/13	SUN 10/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	15
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		2	6	2	10	283
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	46
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	80
REFUNDS		A			5	2	3	10	341
RULINGS			Y		4	1	1	6	256
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	44

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, David Nuesch, Ron Church, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)

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Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)